ing land and 3154 hectares of non-coal bearing land.

(b) The non-coal bearing lands include 923 hectares of agricultural land: part of which is paddy land yielding only one crop in a year.

(c) Paddy land is generally located in small enclaves, surrounded on all its sides by non-paddy lands being acquired for the project. Its geographical location, therefore, makes it difficult to exclude paddy land from acquisition. Besides, non-coal bearing agricultural land, including paddy land, is required for activities like workshop, stores, washeries, CHP, explosive dumps, magazine, railway line etc.

Waiting list for telephone, connections in Chenganoor, Kerala

1281. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list category-wise for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide telephone connections to the applicants during this year; and

(c) what is the present status of the Electronic Exchange proposed for Chenganoor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list, category-wise, for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State is as under as on 1-4-88.

OYT	NON-OYT		Total
	SPL	GENL.	
69	43	385	497

(b) Yes, Sir, there is a proposal to expand the existing capacity by 100 lines (700 to 800 lines) during the current year (1988-89). This will be further expanded by 500 lines (800—1300 lines) during 1989-90.

(c) An Electronic Exchange of 2000 lines capacity has been allotted for 1991-92 for Chenganoor.

Complaint about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery

1282. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villagers of village Nimcha under P.S. Raniganj, Asansol have lodged a complaint with the General Manager, ECL, Satgram Area, P.O. Devchandnagar, Distt. Bardhaman in January, 1988 about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery as a result of which cultivated land is getting damaged; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by ECL in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The residents of village Nimcha Police Station, Raniganj, Asansol had lodged a complaint with the General Manager, Eastern Coalfields Limited Satgram area in January, 1988 about the depillaring operations in Modern Satgram Colliery. About 22.33 acres of land has been affected by the depillaring operations in the area.

(b) ECL has offered payment of crop compensation to the affected villagers at the existing rate of Rs. 275 per year per Bigha for 5 years in addition to levelling charges of the land. The villagers have not accepted the crop compensation offered by the company and want compensa-

tion at higher rates. The company has now set up a committee to look into the demand.

Unstable surface areas in Raniganj coal fields

1283. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are unstable surface areas in Raniganj coalfields;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to stabilise these unstable areas; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the estimated cost and the implementation agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Raniganj coalfield is one of the oldest coalfields in the country and mining operations in this area have been going on for nearly a century now. Instances of land subsidence have been reported from time to time in this area over the last several years due to unscientific exploitation of coal in the pre-nationalisation days. In 1950, the Director General of Mines Safety declared 40 places as unsafe for habitation in the district of Burdwan, West Bengal. The State Government has prohibited construction activities in 25 of the 40 areas declared unsafe by DGMS.

(c) and (d) Asansol Durgapur Development Authority set up by the State Government of West Bengal, felt that the unstable underground workings could be stabilised by stowing with sand through surface boreholes. To test the efficacy of the method, Government sanctioned a Pilot Project under Science and Technology programme with a total cost of Rs. 44.84 lakhs to be carried out at Ramjibanpur. The project has been completed. Results are under evaluation Application of the technology experimented with at Ramjibanpur to other areas would depend upon the techno-economic evaluation of the results of the experiment.

Target for self-employed scheme for educated youth in Orissa

1284. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target fixed for 1988-89 of the self-employed scheme for educated unemployed youth in Orissa;

(b) what is the amount disbursed during the year 1987-88 to implement the scheme; and

(c) what is the number of unemployed youth who could get employment in the self-employment schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The target under the Scheme for 1988-89 for Orissa has been fixed at 9300 beneficiaries.

(b) During 1987-88, a sum of Rs. 45.41 lakhs has been disbursed.

(c) Under Self-employment Scheme for educated unemployed youth 36,334 beneficiaries have been sanctioned loans from the year 1983-84 to 1987-88 in Orissa State.

Sick industries in Orissa

1285. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of small-scale and medium-scale industries in the State of Orissa;